

Newstead.

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Sussex.

January 9<sup>th</sup> 50.

My dear Mrs Kitching,

I had been looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, but think you are wise not to risk London fog, and a possible cold journey -

Thank you for the most interesting Christmas card, which I shall always keep, as a remembrance of Mrs Mason, you and Wordsworth!

Within Ten days or so, I hope to send you information of the early days of Dr P. W. E. L. in Bradford - after looking through old papers, I enclose one which was close at hand, which you may have already - but without knowing much about those whose names are mentioned.

Mrs. Boyd Carpenter - was the wife of  
the Bishop of Ripon.

The Rev. W. Keeling. Headmaster of the  
Bradford Grammar School.

Mrs. Gates. wife of Judge Gates the  
County Court Judge.

Mrs. Alfred Illingworth - member of one of  
the best known Bradford families.

Mrs. Arnold-Foster. Mother's greatest friend  
in Yorkshire.

Mrs. Keeling The Headmaster's wife.

Mrs. Alfred Priestner. A well-known Quaker.

T. G. Rooper H.M. Inspector for Bradford.

Mrs. Carter Lewis. Head of a small  
children's school.

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Paul was born on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1888 and  
I remember "Aunt Mai" from that year,  
when I was 4 - we went to "Wapfenhead  
Hills" in 1889 -

Yours, with much love,

Dorothea.

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Newstead,  
Harrow.

January 16<sup>th</sup>  
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My dear Miss Kitching.

Mother's notes were brief,  
but I think these I send  
will help to cover the earliest  
days, specially the programme  
for 1888-89.

We loved "Aunt Mai" with  
her slow smile and gentle voice,  
and every Christmas brought  
a batch of books with a  
personal inscription for each of us.

A light-coloured, illustrated,  
"Chaucer for Children" and another,  
"Queen Victoria's Dolls" I remember  
specially. (Also that Miss Mason  
liked to teach her dolls as a child)

Please Tell me if there is anything further I could read. The first publication of the "Parents' Review" you are sure to have.

You ask about recent bird adventures. I saw Snow-Bunting and shore-larks when staying at Cley, Norfolk in the autumn, and hear that a Sea Eagle has just been there, causing great excitement. The London Naturalist Society came down by bus, (starting at 4 a.m.) and luckily had a good view! +

The Ambleside Council meeting was strange without you -

Much love from

Dorothea.



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Note on the beginning of the P. N. E. U. and  
See in Reminiscences p 123 P. N. E. U.

~~1888~~. Mother wrote to Miss Mason after reading an article in the paper, only to find the author and she were both living in Bradford.

They met, and decided to hold a drawing-room meeting for parents who would be interested, who could form a society to carry out Miss Mason's ideas on education.

This meeting was held in our home, Walmer Place, Harningham, Bradford, when a committee was elected; the name Parents' ~~National~~ Educational Union was chosen and the first programme arranged, which I have already sent to you.

1889. We moved to Wharfedale, Ilkley in April. Soon afterwards Mother began to teach us under

Miss Mason's guidance, and we  
were joined by a friend,  
Vera Dawson. The first published  
programme for the P. U. S. was,  
I believe, in 1891.

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